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Hongkong, November 29, 1880. de29

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In the Latest and most Fashionable Designs

Including many NOVELTIES in

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A Large and Well Selected STOCK of

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Hongkong, December 1, 1880.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1880. 1ja1

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Hongkong, July 26, 1879.

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as the BLUE HOUSE); Possession on the

1st of October.

Also,

helmet, would have been the correct costume both for Pollione and Flavia. The last-named chieftain, as represented by Signor Bocelli, was the most melancholy specimen of the noble Roman yet have ever witnessed, but we will be lenient with the hard-working second tenor, as he could hardly be expected to show as a mailed warrior in one portion of a scene, and immediately afterwards as a prominent Druid. Signor Bocelli, quite regardless of historical correctness, wore the same garb whether as Flavia, the Druid priest, or Norma's confidante, Clotilde, and if nothing else, he was decidedly amusing. Signor Baggiolo was an excellent *Orpheus*, and sang with musical correctness and much genuine feeling. His histrionic powers were displayed to much advantage in the affecting scene with Norma in the final scene, and the audience were not slow to appreciate the best thing in the whole opera. The chorus singing could scarcely be heard upstairs, and it probably would have been as well had it been altogether inaudible, for Bellini's splendid concerted music is too good to be spoiled by such incapables. To Signora Vela, and Penati, and Herr Egard our best thanks are due for the artistic style in which the accompaniments and overture were played. The splendid orchestration has certainly been a leading feature in all the operatic performances of the present season.

Verdi's "La Traviata" will be repeated this evening by special request, for the benefit of Signor and Signora M. Vela, when we hope to see a crowded house.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next American Mail may be expected to arrive here on or about the 17th Dec. by the O. & C. steamer *Oceanic*, which brings San Francisco dates up to the 13th November.

The *Overland China Mail*, which will be ready at noon on Wednesday, (14th inst.), will contain the report of St. Andrew's Ball, the *Fancy Bazaar*, the *Olympic* case, and the whole of the news of the fortnight in a carefully compiled and arranged form. Orders should be booked early.

H. F. MAJOR GENERAL DONOVAN paid a visit to the *Curacao* today and was received with the usual salute.

The thermometer was ten degrees below freezing point at Shanghai on the night of the 8th.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes of the Hongkong Public School will take place in the School-room, St. Paul's College, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., when His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to take the chair.

THE S. S. *Charlton*, which arrived to-day from Hongkong brought two Chinese seamen to Hongkong, who were picked up in the *Hainan Straits* on the 10th inst. The men were found hanging on to a wrecked boat, and when taken on board the *Charlton*, were unable to make themselves understood as they did not speak any dialect known to the Chinese on board. On being landed in this Colony they were taken to the Harbour Master's Office, but no interpreter was found who could understand their language. They were afterwards sent to the Registrar General's Office, where the same difficulty was encountered.

Fire broke out this afternoon in No. 9 licensed brothel, situated in Hollywood Road, and the alarm bell at the Clock Tower, and that at the Central Station were both set off; a goodly number of firemen, both Government and amateur, turned out, and the engines were on the way to the scene of the fire, when word was brought that it had been put out by the prompt efforts of the Chinese themselves, who resided in the house, or were at hand to give assistance. They had taken out a beam which was the only material part of the structure that had caught fire, and also thrown it of the tiles and out away the woodwork of the roof, which was the most likely thing to catch the flames and prolong and spread the fire. The engines then turned back, and the firemen (whose prompt and large muster was highly creditable) were relieved from further attendance. We heard some further complaints to-day about the Clock Tower-bell not being heard distinctly, save in the higher parts of the town. This is a matter which might well be looked into.

THE BAZAR at the Aylo de Sainte Eufemie was continued to-day, when there was only a spare number of lady and gentlemen visitors. The pecuniary results of the first and second days' sales is less than had been anticipated and the patronage of the public should be liberally given on the third and last day, if the final result is to be equal to previous years. To-day the feature of the business was the drawing for the oil painting of Hongkong, the work of a local amateur, the productions of whose artistic brush have been greatly admired here and elsewhere. The number of the ticket which drew the prize is twenty-nine (29), and the prize will be handed over to the holder on the ticket being produced any day this week at the Institution. A large number of valuable articles have been disposed of by the sales which are always so prompt on a part of all sales of this kind, and the walls show to some a thing which tells of considerable contributions to the exchequer; but there is still a very large and varied selection of goods awaiting purchasers, and it is hoped that to-morrow will be a busy, successful and profitable day. Unless it so turns out, the promoters will be left with a large mass of goods on their hands, which would be an

unfortunate ending to an effort calculated to do so much good amongst the help-needs and ignorant class of people. We regret to find that in the list furnished us on Saturday, of the names who kindly presided at the bazaar, the name of Mrs. Poon-cker was omitted. Yesterday the Bazaar was open for the Chinese to view the goods and to become acquainted with the work the Institution teaches, to and encourage amongst those who are within its walls. Outside the door of the Aylo de la Saint Eufemie to-day was exhibited a list in Chinese of the Chinese donors of goods, most of whom were laid under contribution by the personal efforts of Mrs. Fleming, who has also collected a substantial sum of money for the object for which the Bazaar is held.

FROM the *Gazette* we observe that College Path is to be favoured with a retaining wall at last. This road, already one of the prettiest in the Colony, has required the wall for the last year or two.

The maximum and minimum readings of the thermometer at the Harbour Office during the week ending Friday, Dec. 3rd, were respectively 74 on that day and 56 on Tuesday. The corresponding figures at the Peak were 63 on Thursday and 57 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

It is notified, in the *Gazette*, that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to grant to Dr. W. S. Adams further extension of six months' leave, on half salary, commencing on the 2nd inst.

The following returns, received from Mr. Henry Dicks, of the quantity of spirits distilled by the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, are published in the *Gazette*. Spirits manufactured during the quarter ending 10th April, 1880, 3,712 proof gallons. Spirits manufactured during the quarter ending 27th Nov. 1880, 29,005 proof gallons.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ending 31st Oct., 1880, is published in the *Gazette*—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Circulation.
Bank of China, Ltd.	570,820	250,000
Char. M. & L. & Co.	403,438	150,000
Char. of L. & C.	553,007	200,000
H. K. & Shanghai.	1,704,226	700,000
Total.	\$3,241,592	\$1,300,000

THIRTEEN pages of the *Government Gazette* of Saturday's date are filled with regulations for the Hongkong Fire Brigade, and other information concerning this department and its Volunteer auxiliaries. These regulations include "Regulations for the Hongkong Fire Brigade made by the Governor in Council under the Provisions of Section 5 of Ordinance 4 of 1869," in which provision is made to the minutest point for the general conduct and control of the Brigade, the systematic working of the Engineer Department. The duties at the different stations are clearly defined. The Fire Brigade Ordinance (No. 4 of 1868) is reproduced, and later enactments and sections of other ordinances which rule the same matter are also given. Then follows a return showing the number of each nationality in all the Fire Brigades of the Colony. In the Government Brigade, Central District, there are 27 Europeans and 120 Chinese volunteers; in the other four district Government Brigades, (Eastern District, Western District, St. Paul's, and Aberdeen), there are 7 Europeans and 9 Chinese with 112 Chinese volunteers. The Government Brigades therefore muster altogether 34 Europeans, 107 Chinese, with 15 European volunteers and 232 Chinese volunteers. The other engines are the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.'s engine, Central District, Volunteer, connected with which there are 1 engineer and 5 Chinese, with 24 European volunteers; the same Company's East Point engine (volunteer), connected with which are 1 engineer and 3 Chinese and 8 European volunteers. For the former about 50 or 60 coolies are for the latter about 40 or 50 coolies are engaged if a fire breaks out. The Imperial Insurance Co.'s manual engine is under the charge of 4 volunteers, and about 30 or 40 men are employed if a fire breaks out. The On Tai Insurance Co.'s manual engine is put down as having a number of Chinese volunteers estimated at 40; but the remark is made that no volunteers for this engine can be called "regular" as a ship sends a man when required either for parties or fires. The same remark applies to the Nam Pak Hong Pawa-bronze engine and S.K. Mercers' Brigade, (three manual engines) which has an estimated strength of 70. The recapitulation is as follows—

Total Europeans (paid),	36
Chinese (paid),	112
European Volunteers,	51
Chinese Volunteers (including estimated numbers),	342
Grand Total,	541

The next table gives the strength of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, in detail, showing a total of 265 in Victoria, 25 at Yau-ma-tei, 43 at Shau-ki-wan, 21 at Aberdeen, grand total 354. The other tables comprise the muster of the various brigades, the names of the engines, and lastly the Fire Brigade Stations and their equipment. We may refer to these papers again, although at first sight they are more matters of departmental than of general interest.

HONG KONG'S inform us that the English and American S. N. Co. are building two large steamers for the Australian trade. They are of the *Memphis* class, but rather larger and more powerful, and in the construction of their hulls, their machinery, and fittings, all the latest discoveries of science and the improvements in the art of maritime architecture will be introduced. *Cocktown Paper.*

Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. M. S. Tinnocky.)
Monday, Dec. 13.

LARCENY.
Wong Afuk, 16, coolie, was convicted of stealing a parcel of boxes of matches from a hawk on the Recreation Ground on the 11th inst., and a previous conviction being proved against him, he was sentenced to be imprisoned for six months with hard labour.

Hu Aho, 22, bricklayer, admitted to a charge of stealing a rask, value 50 cents,

the property of a carpenter, Cheong Ating, on the 11th inst., and a previous conviction having been put in, defendant was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months with hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Kwok Ahung, 30, oilie, was convicted of unlawful possession of a quantity of fire-wood on the 12th inst. Four previous convictions for unlawful possession and larceny were proved against the prisoner, and he was fined \$5, in default of which he was committed to prison for 10 days with hard labour.

Fong Fun' Ahung, 18, unemployed, was convicted of unlawful possession of two blankets, two sheets, a soldier's tunic and some other articles of clothing on the 10th inst.

The owner of the articles, Patrick Koran, a private in the 27th Regiment, identified them as belonging to him; he missed them this morning and on going to the No. 2 Station to make a report found the missing property there and the prisoner in custody. Defendant, who admitted having been in the shop before, was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months, the first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement and the remainder with hard labour.

DAMAGING TREES.
Tong Anui, 40, janichka coolie, was fined \$3, in default to be imprisoned for seven days with hard labour, for willfully damaging some cypress trees at the Cemetery by breaking off branches on the 12th inst.

DISORDERLY.
Julius Anderson, 31, seaman, of the German barque *Victor*, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting the complainant, Lo A-won, the keeper of a licensed brothel, on the 12th inst. Defendant admitted being drunk at the time and knew nothing of the matter. He was fined \$1, or five days' imprisonment with hard labour for the assault, and to pay \$1 compensation to the complainant, in default to be imprisoned for five days with hard labour. Sentences cumulative.

(Before the Hon. Ng Chey.)
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Chen Chan Hing, 29, coolie, was convicted of unlawful possession of 8 pieces of iron in a basket, of which he could give no satisfactory account, and was fined \$5, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment with hard labour; and Tan Afan, hawk, was punished in like manner for unlawful possession of three baskets of coal on the 12th inst.

SUPREME COURT.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Smalke.)
Monday, Dec. 13.

IN THE MATTER OF LEOH AVON, a BANKRUPT.
The bankrupt came up for his last examination. Mr. Weston appeared for him. There was no opposition and he accordingly passed. Thursday next was fixed for the bankrupt to come up for his final discharge. Mr. Weston stated, in reply to the Court, that the bankrupt's affairs were mainly owing to losses on charter to Australia and to heavy losses through the *Pier* and *Go-down* Company.

IN PROBATE.
IN THE GOODS OF A. M. PAES.
In the goods of A. M. PAES, deceased, the Petition of Lucia Christina Paes for letters of Administration were granted. The estate was sworn under \$100.

EMIGRATION FROM HONGKONG TO HONOLULU.
The following correspondence is published in Saturday's *Gazette*—

C. H. Haswell, Jr., Esq., to Acting Colonial Secretary, Colonial and Oriental Steamship Company.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1880.
DEAR SIR,—Our head office in San Francisco have made a provisional agreement with Mr. C. Koopman, to transport a number of free Chinese emigrants hence to Honolulu by the steamers of this Company. Prior to taking further action in this matter, I beg to be informed whether, if I bring our desire to carry out such an agreement, it will be the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor to grant our steamers license to clear from this port for San Francisco via Yokohama and Honolulu with free emigrants on board.—I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,
C. H. Haswell, Jr., Agent.

The Hon. Frederick Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Acting Colonial Secretary to C. H. Haswell, Jr., Esq.,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
24, Victoria Street, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. respecting Mr. Koopman's proposed emigration of Chinese to Honolulu.

2.—Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy desires me to state in reply, that he will be very happy to consider your application of the kind, under the Imperial Emigration Act and the Emigration Ordinances of this Colony.

3.—To prevent any misconception as to what may or may not be considered to be an application for a license, I am directed by His Excellency to enclose for your information a printed copy of some correspondence respecting Chinese Emigration to Honolulu, and to invite your attention to the last paragraph in the Acting Colonial Secretary's letter of the 30th of January, 1879, to Messrs Russell & Co.—I have, &c.,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

C. H. Haswell, Jr., Esq., Agent, O. & S. S. Co.
ENCLOSURE IN THE FOREGOING LETTER.
Messrs Russell & Co. to Acting Colonial Secretary, 27th January, 1879.
SIR,—As Agents for the Belgian steamer *Peruvia*, now lying in this Harbour, we venture to address you upon the subject of the conveyance by the said steamer of Chinese Passengers from Hongkong to Honolulu and Peru, with the object of your laying the matter before His Excellency the Governor.

2.—We are given to understand that a very considerable number of well-to-do Chinese, chiefly of the shop-keeping and trading class, are desirous of proceeding both to Honolulu and Peru. They are people who would in no way be proceeding to either place under contract

or in connection with any system of immigration, but in all respects free Passengers.

3.—We would therefore submit for the consideration of His Excellency, that travel facilities, such as could be effected by the *Peruvia* for this class of Chinese, might be afforded them, subject to such Regulations and conditions as His Excellency may consider it necessary to enforce.—We have, &c.,
(Signed) JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
The Honourable Charles May, Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Acting Colonial Secretary to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong,
30th January, 1879.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. on the subject of the conveyance of Chinese Passengers from Hongkong to Honolulu and Peru in the Belgian steamer *Peruvia*.

2.—You state that the conveyance of these Chinese to Honolulu and Peru would not be in connection with any system of immigration, and you ask that the travelling facilities offered by the *Peruvia* may be permitted, subject to such Regulations and conditions as His Excellency the Governor may consider it necessary to enforce.

3.—In reply, I am to inform you that His Excellency will be prepared to consider in Council the details of any application you may think proper to make, subject to the provisions of the Imperial Act relating to Chinese Passengers, and to the Ordinances of this Colony.

4.—I need hardly remind you that His Excellency has already explained in the Legislative Council that he cannot sanction any Chinese Emigration whatever to Peru, nor any Chinese Emigration involving contracts of service to the Sandwich Islands.—I have, &c.,
(Signed) O. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Messrs Russell & Co. to the Honourable C. May, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, February 1879.

GENTLEMEN,—With reference to your letter of the 13th inst. respecting Chinese Emigration to Honolulu, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you the following statement of the Emigration Ordinances of this Colony.

2.—To obviate any misconception as to the grounds His Excellency has laid in refusing his sanction to the continuance of this Emigration, I am instructed to furnish you with the enclosed extracts from a statement made by His Excellency at the Tong-wa Hospital in February 1878, and from a memo correspondence on the subject.—I have, &c.,
(Signed) O. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Messrs Russell & Co., &c., &c., &c.

Extract from Speech of His Excellency the Governor Pope Hennessy, O.M.G., at the Tong-wa Hospital, 8th February, 1878.

"Many years ago, the attention of the Government was directed to a matter which also attracted the notice of my gallant friend, Admiral Hillyar, the evils of the coolie trade, and of my predecessors called the attention of the Secretary of State to the fact that the communications from the Tong-wa Hospital, in which the first intimation of the evil perpetrated in that trade. While the Government of that day had to thank the Committee of the Tong-wa Hospital, it is my duty now publicly to do the same. It is not many weeks since you drew the attention of the Government to the fact that the coolie trade was a grave abuse. You brought to my notice the fact that it was the practice to lease Chinese to Chinese Emigrants in this Colony for a certain sum of money; the tickets purported that sum was paid in full, whereas, in reality, the sum was paid, and the emigrant was expected to bind himself for so long a period as two years, to work off his passage, in the sugar plantations of the Sandwich Islands. That was an infraction of our law. It was your duty to bring it to my notice, and you did so; and you thank you, as I now do, for the valuable information you thus conveyed to the Government."

Extract from Letter dated Honolulu, July (1878), from Her Majesty's Consul-General, James H. Woodhouse, to Governor Pope Hennessy, O.M.G.
With reference to the enforcement of service allowed by Your Excellency, the following appears to be a true statement of the course pursued on the arrival of a vessel with Chinese immigrants.

The agent of the Hawaiian Government before whom above emigrants for service under the Master and Servant Law can be made, goes on board with an interpreter; the immigrants who have had their passage money advanced to them by Chinese firms in Honolulu, sign a contract for service with some employer of labour for two years, receive in advance the sum of sixty dollars, of which forty-five is for their passage. No contract is sanctioned by the Hawaiian Agent unless agreed to by the immigrant; but the latter understands, as it appears from the statement made before General Thomson, that on his arrival at Honolulu he will be required to enter into an agreement to serve for a sufficient length of time to enable him to pay off his debt.

If the immigrant were allowed to land before paying his passage, the charterer or employer, who advances the money for his passage, would be unable to recover the amount, as the laws of these Islands do not allow of arrest for debt.

No contract is valid unless made before an agent of the Hawaiian Government in this Kingdom.

Extract from letter dated 30th August, 1878, from His Excellency the Governor Pope Hennessy, O.M.G., to the Hon. Mr. James H. Woodhouse.

"The authentic facts stated in the latter part of your letter show that the emigration in question is, in reality, contract emigration, and under Rule 4 of the Emigration Regulations of Hongkong, such Emigration is not permitted except to British Colonies."

Extract from Despatch dated 1st November, 1878, from the Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., to Governor Pope Hennessy, O.M.G.

"I fully appreciate your anxiety to detect and prevent any abuses, and I think that there were good grounds for refusing to sanction the continuance of Chinese Emigration to Honolulu, when the Chairman of the Tong-wa Hospital directed your attention to the procedure which was being followed in the islands after the arrival of the immigrants."

"I shall readily support and assist you in your efforts in this direction."

THE HANLAN AND TRICKETT CONTROVERSY.
From late Australian files we take the following items—

London, Nov. 16th.—Both Trickett and Hanlan were much admired yesterday, and the betting is now even.

November 15th.—Hanlan won the match for the championship, beating Trickett easily. Immense attendance and great excitement. Time and particulars in future cablegrams.

Later.—There were vast numbers of spectators on both sides of the river, and the weather was fine without any wind, but very cold.

Hanlan, who appeared to be in splendid form, was most admired.

The course was from the Star and Garter to Putney, and a good start was off. Hanlan commenced at 38 to the minute, Trickett at 24 to the minute, neither obtained any advantage until half a mile had been passed, and at Craven Cottage they were on level terms, but from thence Hanlan commenced to draw ahead, and so marginally improved his position that when passing Craven Cottage his boat was clear.

Trickett made desperate but ineffectual efforts to overhaul him, and at Hammer Smith Bridge, Hanlan had still further increased his lead, and the race was practically over, as it was perfectly evident that Hanlan was only playing with Trickett, for when the latter went on, Hanlan pulled away from him without any apparent exertion, and won easily by two lengths.

Time, 26 minutes 12 seconds.

The winner was enthusiastically cheered, and it is acknowledged that the race was undoubtedly won on its merits.

November 17th.—Much interest is manifested in the Hop Bitters contest, and large amounts are staked on the event. Hanlan has been scratched.

In the first heat, Laycock won, with Hanlan, a second. The second heat was won by Ross with Riley second. The third heat was won by Hoemer with Smith second. The fourth heat was won by Trickett with Hanlan second. The remaining two heats will be rowed on Friday, and the first heat on Saturday.

Nov. 10.—A woman named Willie Dubbo, through the temple, and there is no hope of his recovery.

Melbourne, Nov. 10.—Kate and James Kelly are to be exhibited at the Apollo Hall on Thursday night's admission one shilling.

Nov. 15.—A box containing five bars of gold, worth about £1,000, has been stolen from the steamer during her passage from New Zealand to Melbourne.

The *Norfolk* has been floated off.

Nov. 18.—Greater Luckin's action for libel against the publishers of the *Australian* resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, damages \$300.

China.
SHANGHAI.
(N. C. D. News.)

H.M.S. *Sheldrake* has left for Hankow. H.M.S. *Endeavour* is now lying at the buoy lately used by the *Albatross*.

The H.M.C. Co's steamer *Albatross* left the New Dock yesterday afternoon (8th), the necessary repairs to her propeller having been effected. She is the largest vessel that has ever been docked in Shanghai.

Chen, the Mixed Court Magistrate, and Mr. Krensberg, German Assessor, for the sum of £10,000, the amount of a promissory note given by him some time since, really for the benefit of his employers, with interest. The plaintiffs obtained a judgment in their favour, and desired that the defendant should be imprisoned in the city until the claim should be settled. Mr. Blifield, the present master of the defendant, however, objected to this course on the ground that as the latter was in foreign employ and a resident in the Settlement, he must be dealt with solely by the Mixed Court. After some discussion, Mr. Blifield ultimately gained his point, and the complainant was not taken beyond the limits of the Settlement.

The British gunboat *Albatross* went to Woon-sung and back to-day (7th), to communicate with H.B.M.'s flag-ship *Iron Duke*, which we believe has arrived in the mouth of the Yangtze. The *Albatross* brought on board Commander Lawrence Ching, R.N., from the *Iron Duke*, who has been appointed Acting Captain of the *Endeavour*; and he took command this afternoon, in the place of Captain the Hon. A. D. S. Dunsby, who has been invalided. The surveying vessel *Albatross* left Anson on the 26th ultimo, to re-occupy the reported position of the *Albatross*, which has been found by the Foochow pilots.

Amongst the passengers left by the *Albatross* yesterday may be noticed Mr. A. de Puyssie, Admiral Lesovsky's attaché, who arrived from Tientsin on Sunday. The Admiral was left rather in the dark as to what was going on, and sent his attaché there to make inquiries. Whether he has got any instructions or not, via Kichia, we do not know.

H.M.S. *Fly* and *Leopold* were both in the Taku when the *Albatross* left. The first vessel was to leave as soon as relieved. It is thought that she will not be able to get away, but may be compelled to stay through the winter owing to the freezing of the river.

U.S.S. *Richmond*, bearing the flag of Rear Admiral Clitz, is expected to leave for Hongkong towards the end of the month.

In consequence of H. M. S. *Albatross* having sent off one of her copper, while steaming through the ice at Woon-sung, she will have to go into dock shortly.

J. M. S. *Fly*, with Vice-Admiral Coote on board, leaves to-morrow (9th) for Woon-sung, when she will meet the *Albatross*. At the rugged island, as previously mentioned, Vice-Admiral Coote will exchange his flag into the *Iron Duke*, in which ship he will proceed to Hongkong.

Japan.
KAGAWA.
(Express, Dec. 4.)

The recent rain has openly exposed the deplorable condition of most of the streets in the settlement, more especially the bund, the numerous faults in which were either invisible, or were not so prominently noticeable during the heat and dryness of the weather, which prevailed up to a few days ago.

It is to be hoped the road surveyors have taken notice of it.

Another step in the right direction has been taken by the officials in charge of the Government Works here, in despatching to the service of a European to take charge of the Tugboat Dock. To occupy this position, a Mr. Lang, an experienced foreman shipwright and dock master, has been engaged, and is shortly expected. It is also under contemplation to add from ship building to the list of work to be done by the dock.

Up to date we regret to say no news has been received of the American barque *Catherine*, Captain Abel, which vessel left here for Vladivostok on the 26th October. It is however premature to predict any serious misfortune to her as she is the date of her departure, which has been very unfavourable for a northern passage, which may account for her non-arrival at her destination.

The property of the Netherlands Trading Society, No. 5, Bund, consisting of a dwelling house and a large stone godown, was disposed of by public auction on Wednesday last, after a spirited bidding, to the Catholic Mission, for the sum of \$2,000.

The Russian cruiser *Kurpa*, bearing the flag of Admiral Lesovsky, arrived from Vladivostok on Monday, and the *Digit* left on Wednesday bound for Kobe, where she will probably spend the winter. The *Iron Duke* left the following day under instructions to proceed to Ragged Island, from whence she will go to Hongkong. The *Strecker*, *Robuchnik*, *Platona*, and *Africa*, have arrived from Vladivostok, the two former on Thursday, and the two latter yesterday. The *Africa* carries the flag of Admiral Stokelberg. The *Africa* is expected, and the British ship *Barbaros* is also shortly expected from Chifoo.

Men-of-war in harbour: Russian—*Kurpa*, *Africa*, *Strecker*, *Platona*, *Robuchnik*, *Gorodets*, and *Verkh*.

A Passenger by the S. S. *Thabor* informs us that at about 8 a.m. on Tuesday, when about fifty miles from Kobe, bound here, she collided with a large junk, and immediately sunk her, carrying away her own foremast. The *Thabor* was so damaged that the collision was caused by the junk carrying only one light, and that on the wrong side, which deceived him as to the course she was steering. All efforts were made to lessen the shock, but without avail. The crew, fourteen in number, were all picked up. The cargo and junk is valued at about \$5,000.

Admiral Lesovsky, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Pacific fleet, met with a very serious accident on the 28th ult., whilst on the passage from Vladivostok to this port, in his flagship, the *Zeopora*. During the height of a very severe gale, he was on deck at the time, struck him, and carried him some considerable distance forward, fracturing his right leg just above the knee. He is, however, progressing very favourably, and anticipates a speedy return to convalescence.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.
(Money Market Review.)

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders was held on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Mr. Wm. Paterson in the chair, for the purpose of declaring an interim dividend for the half-year ended the 30th June last.

The notice calling the meeting was read by Mr. Wm. Ellis, Mullins, the secretary.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, as intimated by the notice which has just been read, we have only one resolution to bring before you on this occasion. We have no accounts to present, as this is merely an intermediate meeting; our annual balance-sheet being prepared at the end of the year for submission at next meeting; but the directors, having gone through the accounts and the returns from the agencies and branches, are quite justified in recommending you to authorise the payment of an interim dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the first half of the year.

after providing for everything which is known up to this date. (Hear, hear.) We have had a fair share of the business with the East, but unfortunately our profits are not what they might have been had trade been brisker, or competition in the best way we can, and keep them liquid, but it is not easy in these times to make profits, exchange in India having for some time ruled at a low level. You are aware that the expense of the war in Afghanistan has cost many millions sterling, and that there has been much discussion as to how, when, and what this country should contribute towards it. The uncertainty with regard to that has influenced our operations to a considerable extent. We desire to make profits for the bank; but, at the same time, we are unwilling to enter into long-winded operations or speculate on the future. Although there has been such uncertainty and want of life in Eastern business, I am glad to tell you we have been doing fairly well. Our inspectors have lately returned from their visit to the branches, and reports most favourably as regards all of them. It is thought that the improved harvests in India, as well as in western countries, will benefit trade generally, and I can only say we shall do our best to get a full share of any improvement in business which may take place. (Hear, hear.) I do not think that I need occupy your time further, but I now

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....£420,000
 PERMANENT RESERVE.....£230,000
 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....£263,268

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AGGREGATED RESERVE.....£913,268
 April, 1880.....

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
 W. M. ROYD, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,
 J. H. FINKOVSKY, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq.,
 Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BARKING BROTHERS & Co.,
 Bankers,
 RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
 68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
 Subject to a charge of 12 1/2% for interest on shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the Underwriting BUSINESS are annually distributed among all contributors of Business in proportion to the Premiums paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880.....10081

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.00
 CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$300,000.00
 RESERVE FUND.....\$425,000.00
 BALANCE UNPAID.....\$79,278.43

DIVIDED PAID TO SHAREHOLDERS.....20% per annum.
 DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS, 25% on the amount of their contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable as of 10 Agencies. The Profits of the Underwriting BUSINESS are PAYABLE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSINESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHAREHOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,
 Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling, of which is paid up £100,000.

Reserve Fund £120,000.

Annual Income £250,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

OHEMAN & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a VISITORS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (3,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Widet.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, Gurney Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Legation Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Roman Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

R. E. A. and China Telegraph Co. and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zealand Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

General Outfitter, Hosiery, Tailor, &c.—T. N. Daiscott, 45 and 47, Queen's Road, &c.—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground.

Chronometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—F. FALCONER & Co., Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars.—MACLEW, FRICKEL & Co.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition, and Sportsman's Requisites of all descriptions.—Wm. SCHMIDT & Co., Gun-makers, Eastern House of Beaconsfield Arcade.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALIZED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.

Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$1.00. Three Coolies, 0.85. Two Coolies, 0.70.

Return (direct or by Pok-foo-tum).

Four Coolies, \$1.50. Three Coolies, 1.20. Two Coolies, 1.00.

To VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA PEAK).

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$0.60. Three Coolies, 0.50. Two Coolies, 0.40.

Return (direct or by Pok-foo-tum).

Four Coolies, \$1.00. Three Coolies, 0.85. Two Coolies, 0.70.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cts.

Day Trip (Peak), \$0.75 each Coolie. (12 hours) Gap, \$0.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, 10 cts. Half day, 35 cts. Day, 50 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, \$5.00.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, \$2.00.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 2.50.

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 1.75.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-kan Boat of 800 piculs, per Day, 1.50.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-kan Boat of 800 piculs, per Day, 1.00.

3rd Class Cargo Boat of Ha-kan Boat of 800 piculs, Half Day, 50.

Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, \$1.00.

One Hour, 30.

Half an Hour, 10.

After 5 p.m., 10 cts extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

FREIGHT COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, 30 cts. Half Day, 20 cts. Three Hours, 12 cts. One Hour, 5 cts. Half Hour, 3 cts.

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised December 1st, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or parcels may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Printed matter may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, receipts, bills, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet, containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Letters for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions, 8 inches by 4 inches by 3 inches.

N. R. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise France, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, the Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Colombia, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, Chili, and St. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route.

Letters, 10 cents per 4 oz.

Post Cards, 8 cents each.

Registration, 10 cts.

Newspapers, 2 cts each.

Books, Patterns and 2 cts per 2 oz.

Comm. Papers, 2 cts per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom, 10.

Registration, None.

Newspapers, 2.

Books & Patterns, 5.

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, 30.

Letters, None.

Registration, None.

Newspapers, 5.

Books & Patterns, 10.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Gall, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Accension, via Aden, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

India, 10 cents.

A small extra charge is made on delivery.

There is Registration to British W. India.

Registration via San Francisco, 10 cts.

Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, 10 cts.

Between any other two of the above places, 10 cts.

Between any one of the above places and any other place, 10 cts.

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Local Parcel Post.

Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Peking, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca.

They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs.

The postage is 20 cents per lb., which includes Registry except to Japan, to which country parcels are forwarded at Book Rates. Registry being optional. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, Parcel, containing no valuables, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted:—Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes, &c.), Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, &c., nor Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or what is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels may be sent by general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to impede the service. No responsibility other than that of the sender is assumed, but the system of Registration will secure the sender against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or not, can be received for postage if it contains gold or silver, jewels, precious stones, or anything of value.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Parcels of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers—to British Office, 5 lbs.; to Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Parcels to British Office 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value, to the Continent, &c., 6 cts.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the loss of a Registered Letter, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the delay or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for more than one article such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1. Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2. Small sums may be remitted between the other ports by means of Postage Stamp subject to a charge of one per cent. for exchange.

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and sealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamp, or other equivalent of cash, and a small margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the evening, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications in time, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departure of the mails.